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E.O. 11652: DECON 31 OCTOBER 1977

TAGS: PFOR, XF, MR

SUBJECT: PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION AND MAURITANIA

1. ABOU MARWAN, PLO REP BASED IN RABAT, ARRIVED NOUAKCHOTT 22 OCT CARRYING A MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH FROM YASSIR ARAFAT. FOLLOWING AN AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT THE FOLLOWING DAY, MARWAN STATED HE HAD PROVIDED PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH WITH UPDATED ACCOUNTING OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR CONTINUING MAURITANIAN SUPPORT OF PALESTINIAN CAUSE. AFTER CONTINUING HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH LESSER RANKING MAURITANIAN OFFICIALS THE NEXT DAY, MARWAN DEPARTED NOUAKCHOTT ON 25 OCT.

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2. COMMENT: MARWAN'S AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH IS THE SECOND KNOWN HIGH LEVEL CONTACT BETWEEN GIRM AND PLO IN RECENT WEEKS. PLO REP BASED NOUAKCHOTT, AB GU ISSAM, WAS RECEIVED BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR NATIONAL ORIENTATION SALL ABDUL AZIZ ON 5 SEPT. GIVEN TIMING OF ISSAM'S DEMARCHE TO SALL, PURPOSE WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY TO PUT FORWARD PLO'S VIGOROUS OPPOSITION TO SEPT. 2 EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT ACCORDS. NOW, JUST OVER SIX WEEKS LATER, PLO HAS DISPATCHED ANOTHER PLO REP WITH PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ARAFAT TO HIGHEST LEVEL OF GIRM, TO INSURE THAT MAURITANIANS ARE FULLY INFORMED ON PALESTINIAN MIDDLE EAST POSITION. SINCE PLO KNOWS FULL WELL THAT MAURITANIANS ARE AS EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED IN ARAB-ISRAEL PROBLEM AS THE MOST MILITANT AND COMMITTED OF THE CONFRONTATION STATES AND THAT GIRM VIGOROUSLY SUPPORTS RIGHT OF PALESTINIANS TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND AND GENERALLY IS VERY RECEPTIVE TO PALESTINIAN DESIRES AND POINT OF VIEW, REASONS FOR DESPATCH OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WITH PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ARAFAT ARE NOT READILY APPARENT. ONE WONDERS WHETHER MOVE WAS PERHAPS PROMPTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER'S OULD MOUKNASS' PRAISE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MID-EAST PEACE EFFORTS IN HIS RECENT UNGA GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH WHICH, THOUGH OFF-SET IMMEDIATELY BY INSISTENCE THAT DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WAS WORTHLESS UNLESS IT WAS STEP TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, MAY HAVE BEEN TOO FORTHCOMING FOR PALESTINIAN TASTES. HANDYSIDE

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